

MILITARY IN SESSION.

Attendance on the Live Stock Association Meeting.

"TERMINAL CHARGE" RESOLUTION.

Members Given Thirty Days to Adhere to the Matter—Failure to Do So Means Loss of Business.

San Antonio, Texas, March 8.—The annual convention of the Texas Live Stock Association opened at the Grand opera house this morning, with an attendance of about 1000 members, guests and friends.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado was the first to rise, after which the president, Dr. J. H. Bay, read the minutes of the last meeting. The Christian church invoked the blessing on the assembly.

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GENERAL WEYLER'S VENGEANCE.

He Says He Will Lay Waste What Gomez Left and Make the War More Horrible.

New York, March 8.—Sylvester Seovel, the World's correspondent in Cuba, in prison at Sancti Spiritus, writes from his cell under date of March 1: Some idea of how Spain is making war here may be gathered from Weyer's own words. Two weeks ago this captain general of all Cuba had the aidmen of the town and the townspeople assembled in the public square and addressed them. He said: "Last year Gomez and Maceo went west, destroying right and left. This year I am coming east to finish what they left. I am going to make grim war, and before I get through the country will be as bare as the palm of my hand."

The troops in the town have acted like vandals. They were in many instances quartered on private families. Twenty were allotted to the house of a mulatto of good repute. I am informed that they horribly abused the hostess. Although General Weyer has hitherto prohibited such merciless treatment and punished such atrocities of his soldiers, they have been rare. Cattle for this large number of soldiers have been killed in the public streets and their entrails left to fester and rot under the hot Cuban sun, spreading disease.

Robbery by soldiers became prevalent. At last a Spanish clerk in a Spanish store pursued a thief who had stolen a hat and killed him. The clerk was, of course, shot.

The skies are darkening with the smoke of burning property. Five newly built houses of an American's estate at Tunici, near here, have been devastated. All the corn was burned by the troops four days ago. Farm houses were razed to the ground. As I have no means of verifying them I will make no mention of the stories of wholesale slaughter of farmers in the country round about. Many wounded men have been brought back to town by ox teams. I can see hospitaliers from my cell. The Spaniards and Cubans alike have been much maltreated here.

THEY ARE AFTER HIM, T. L. & E. EXTENSION.

AN ARMY OF OFFICE SEEKERS BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT.

He Held a Short Conference With Secretary Sherman on Foreign Appointments—Reception.

Washington, March 8.—The rush toward the White House was unabated today. It was not the clamorous crowd of last week, for most of the inauguration crowd had left the city, but in its place came those intent on placing questions of offices and other matters before the president. The people at the outer doors were told that the president would hold a public reception at 3 o'clock, and this caused a general break in the crowds until later in the day.

The president was at his desk at 9 o'clock. He had seen his venerable mother-off for a trip to Mount Vernon and then had turned to prominent public men who were waiting. One of the early callers was John Hay, who is expected to be nominated ambassador to the court of St. James. He had a brief talk with the president, then gave way to Senator Wolcott of Colorado, who saw the president for the first time since his return from Europe.

Then came Senators Chandler of New Hampshire, Platt of Connecticut, Nelson and Davis of Minnesota, Wilson of Washington, Cullom and Mason of Illinois, Allison and Gear of Iowa, Fairbanks of Indiana and Perkins of California. Representative Bland of Iowa, Babcock of Wisconsin, Hitt of Illinois, Grosvenor of Ohio, Hopkins and Foss of Illinois.

Mingled with these congressmen were public men whose names have been prominently mentioned in connection with responsible offices, including Bellamy Storer, whose appointment as assistant secretary of state is said to be assured; Perry Heath of Indiana, probably assistant secretary of the treasury; General Scruggs, one of the Cuban council, who had a brief talk with the president in this connection; H. Clay Evans of Tennessee and General W. H. Dudley.

Some delegations stated freely the object of their visit. The Indiana delegates appeared the appointment of W. H. Elliott of Indiana as assistant secretary of the navy. Senators Davis and Nelson urged the appointment of T. H. Keeler of Minnesota as commissioner of immigration. An Iowa party asked the appointment of representative H. N. Conger of Iowa as minister to Brazil. John Foraker, Representative Babcock and Sherman urged J. L. Kennedy of New Jersey to be named for public printer, one point in favor of the applicant being that he was the son of the late President Grant.

Secretary of State Sherman called at 10:45, passing into the cabinet room. At this time a number of senators and members were in the president's private study, while many more were awaiting an audience. The president at once excused himself and joined Mr. Sherman in the cabinet room. They were alone some time, the crowd outside swelling meantime to large numbers. It is understood that the president related to the more important foreign appointments about to be sent to the senate.

At the same time new arrivals were being ushered into the president's private office to see him as he returned from the conference with Mr. Sherman.

Senator Foraker made a short call, and afterwards Senator Proctor of Vermont, Bishop Hurst, Senator Frye of Maine, ex-Minister Thomas to Sweden, who is mentioned for reappointment and has considerable Maine backing, Senators Burrows and McMillan of Michigan, Representative Pickler of South Dakota, who is mentioned as commissioner of pensions, and Joseph Manley of Maine. With these came others on their way to clear the corridors of the White House. The president threw open his office and invited the callers to pass through. They paid their respects and passed on, only the congressional and more prominent callers being accorded private interviews.

Many of the callers had applications which passed into the hands of Secretaries Porter and Boyle.

The conference between the president and secretary of state lasted a full hour. It started much conjecture, but these intimations it related mainly to the initial work of the state department. Its staff, etc.

Several times during the day the president's desire to receive public men as fast as possible led to the gathering of crowds in the private office equal in numbers to those outside.

The appointments take a wide range, one of them being for the position of steward of the executive mansion, the applicant being William Edwards of Cincinnati, Ohio. The secretary of the Queen Lillibulloan came to the White House at 1 o'clock bearing a note addressed to Secretary Porter. The latter was at lunch at the time, the ex-queen's secretary did not wait for an answer.

Secretary Alger arrived just before the president went down to lunch and had a short talk on war department affairs.

The president's mail is piling up, despite the best efforts of four officials headed by Private Secretary Doyle. The bulk of the letters concern private appointments to office or congratulations.

The president held a public reception at 3 o'clock in the east room, shaking hands with fully 1000 people in about twenty minutes. In the long line was a little girl dressed as the Goddess of Liberty.

On returning to his office the president saw Senators Baker of Kansas, Allen of Nebraska, of Pennsylvania, Greenbaum, the minister of the interstate commerce commission called in a body. The chief justice and Mrs. Fuller made a social call later in the day, the president leaving his office to join Mrs. McKinley in the court of claims. The chief justice will be of the court of claims. The chief justice will be of the court of claims.

ALVORD—The canning factory, which remained idle all the past season, will run this season at its fullest capacity. It will give employment during the season to fifty or seventy-five men, which, added to the already employed, will make it an enterprise that will not fall to be accredited by the people.

MEETING OF BEAUMONT BUSINESS MEN TO CONSIDER PROPOSITION.

Committee to Canvass for a Bonus to Run the Road to Silas—Key-Prosperity.

Beaumont, Texas, March 10.—Quite a number of citizens including a representative from each of the lumber mills, gathered in the Elks' hall at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the advisability of giving the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern railway a bonus if it would extend its tracks from the present terminal at the Trinity river to a connection with the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railway at Silas.

The meeting organized by electing Captain William Weiss, president of the Elks hall, chairman, and S. H. McGary secretary.

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